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Vision 2020 Reservoir Committee
Minutes for September 4 meeting – Approved 10/23/12

Attendees: David White, Martine Gougault, Lisa Fredman, Cathy Garnett and Stephan Miller.

The meeting came to order at 7:30

Calendar Project. David told us that the total printing cost for the calendars was \$1200. We have, thus far, received \$200 in sponsorship donations with another \$100 yet to come. We discussed ways of selling the calendars. Lisa told us that the merchant she contacted preferred method of sales was by consignment. We leave calendars at the stores at no cost to the merchants and we later receive 100% of the sale price or the unsold items. Lisa will check further whether this arrangement is also preferred by other stores as well. In addition, we will sell the calendars at the Vision 2020 booth at Town Day.

After some discussion we decided to set the price at \$10 in hopes that this would maximize sales. Lisa and Cathy devised a list of merchants they will visit in the coming weeks to pitch the idea of selling the calendars. David suggested that artists whose work was published in the calendar should receive a free copy. He also told us that he will post information about the calendars and where to purchase them on our web site.

Town Day. David told us that this committee will probably have half a Vision 2020 table at Town Day. We discussed the displays that will have to be assembled. Martine will be responsible for making these displays. Lisa will take charge of selling the calendars. We decided on a roster of people to work at the table during the event.

Dates for future meetings. We decided to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month through the winter, although the next meeting September will be on the third Tuesday the 18th. The full set of dates is listed below:

Meeting Dates: First floor conf. room, Town Hall Annex, at 7:30 pm:

2012: Sept 18, Oct 23, Nov 27, Dec no mtg.

2013: Jan. 22, Feb 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct. 22, Nov 27, Dec no mtg.

Water chestnut harvesting. This year's harvesting effort caused less damage to the path and grass than last year, but there may be ways to do this better. We do not have the report yet from DPW or Aquatic Control Technologies. This year the WC were unloaded with backhoes at the bank of the Res and stored in the emergency spillway to dewater. Cathy suggested a site visit to evaluate the damage caused by this year's harvest.

Cathy brought up the topic of the permanent ramp into the water. David informed us that the location we previously selected for the ramp was rejected by the harvesting company because it would be too difficult to access. He then clarified the difference between a ramp to facilitate the chestnut harvest and a boat ramp. The Parks and Recreation Department is against a boat ramp because, among other reasons, they feel that there is a lack of demand for boating access to the reservoir.

The Conservation Commission will be discussing all this further.

Fall workdays. Martine suggested having workdays devoted to putting up fencing late in the day during the week so

that we can get in more hours before winter. She will organize the effort. We decided that we must remove the grass (and weed) border around the garden before we put up the fence. We also discussed repairing the kiosk. David and Stephan will review the damage to the kiosk and devise a plan for its repair.

We scheduled a garden workday for Saturday September 29 from 12 noon to 3 pm for weeding, selective cutting and probably woodchipping. Martine & David will work out the details for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

These minutes were prepared by Stephan Miller with edits by David White.